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SUBJ: KOREAN IN 28TH GA: NOV 11

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1. MISOFF THAYER TELEPHONED COUNSELLOR CHOU 10:30 AM NOV 11 CONFIRMING THAT WE HAD MET WITH KEY COSPONSORS DURING PREVIOUS DAY AND NEEDED TO KNOW STATUS OF CHINESE PLANNING AS BACKGROUND FOR OUR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS DURING DAY. CHOU REPLIED THAT DIFFICULTIES ON THEIR SIDE CONTINUE AND THAT CHINESE STILL HAVE "NOT BEEN ABLE TO DISCLOSE ANYTHING TO OUR CORE GROUP." HE THEN SAID THAT AMB HUANG MIGHT WANT MEETING LATER IN MORNING AND ASKED IF WE HAD RECEIVED ANY NEW INSTRUCTIONS.

2. MISOFF SAID HE NOT AWARE OF ANY NEW INSTRUCTIONS BUT ASKED IF CHOU'S QUESTION MEANT THAT CHINESE HAD RECEIVED SOME. WHEN CHOU HESITATED TO ANSWER DIRECTLY, MISOFF ASKED IF IT WOULD BE CORRECT, IN ANY EVENT, TO INFER THAT WE SHOULD SUSPEND, FOR THE MOMENT, FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH OUR KEY COSPONSORS. CHOU AGREED THAT THIS WOULD BE WISE.

3. CHOU AGAIN STRESSED NEED FOR
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ABSOLUTE CONFIDENTIALITY TO ENABLE JOINT EFFORT TO SUCCEED AND AGAIN ASKED CONFIRMATION THAT WE HAD NOT DISCUSSED US-PRC NEGOTIATIONS WITH OUR KEY COSPONSORS. MISOFF REPLIED BY REMINDING CHOU OF PREVIOUS CONVERSAT-

IONS AND RESTATED FACTS ALONG LINES OF MISOFF'S REMARKS PREVIOUS DAY, REPORTED PARA 3, USUN 4652.

4. IN NOV 11 EXCHANGE MISOFF STRESSED THAT AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING WITH OUR KEY COSPONSORS, WE HAD MADE GOOD OUR COMMITMENT TO PUT MAXIMUM STRESS ON CONFIDENTIALITY, ASSURING CHOU WE WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO. CHOU EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION WHEN MISOFF ALSO ASSURED HIM THAT UNTIL WE HAD FULL AGREEMENT WITH CHINESE ON MODALITIES, OUR KEY COSPONSORS FULLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE IS TO BE NO DISCUSSION WHATEVER WITH ANY OF OUR OTHER COSPONSORS. BENNETT

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